



MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER



2008-2009 City Budget Calendar Important Dates

May 13, 2008

Initial Public Hearing:
2008-2009 Proposed
City Capital/Operating
Budgets and 2008-2009
Proposed Fees &
Charges Report
7:00 PM

June 16, 2008

Final Public Hearing:
2008-2009 Proposed
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THE FIGHT CONTINUES TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS OUR CITY'S PRIORITY

The City Council is entering a critical period in deliberating the city's budget. It is important that you participate in this process to ensure that public safety is our city's top priority.

I respectfully challenge every resident to write or call the Mayor and Council Members requesting that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 Budget include more funding for gang intervention and prevention services and additional police officers than proposed in the 2008 Mayor's March Budget Message. The 15 additional police officers the Mayor has proposed do not come close to meeting the 500 officers that have been requested by the Chief of Police in a report to the City Council in 2006. Also, these 15 officers will not complete the police academy and be ready to patrol our neighborhoods until 2011.

Last year, San José had its highest homicide rate in ten years and a 50% increase in gang-related incidents. The City Council approved the 2007-2008 City Budget with an additional \$1 million allocated to the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF). I have urged the Mayor to release the \$200,000 currently in the MGPTF emergency reserve fund to provide critical services during the summer months. During the summer, community-based organizations (CBOs) and the police department typically see a sharp increase in gang activity. It is important that the City work with the CBOs to be proactive before the summer arrives and provide positive alternative programs and employment opportunities for our youth.

San José once prided itself on being the "Safest Big City in America." We need to work together as a community to regain that title, and it starts by making our neighborhoods safer. In a community survey commissioned by the City, 22% of San José residents cited public safety and gang violence as their top concerns they would like to see the city government address. The survey is used as a tool to guide the City's administration and policy makers to help prioritize our city's needs.

Here is how you can help to ensure that the community's concerns: write or call the Mayor and City Council urging them to make public safety their priority. Urge them that this should be reflected in the budget by providing more funding for gang intervention and prevention services and police officers.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Department	Phone
Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	3-1-1
Anti-Litter/ Anti-Graffiti	277-3208
Animal Care	501-2130
Code Enforcement	277-4528
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
Transportation	277-4304
Environmental Services	277-5533
Hazardous Material	277-4659
Housing	277-5431
Neighborhood Development Center	392-6771
Parking Enforcement	277-5545
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Volunteer San José	277-4477
Gang Hotline	293-GANG

Neighborhood

Development Center

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The following services are provided by the Neighborhood Development Center:

- * Leadership and Neighborhood Organizing Trainings
- * Neighborhood Organizing Assistance
- * Technological & Information Resources

COMMUNITY MEETING ATTRACTS 300 PEOPLE TO DENOUNCE GANG & YOUTH VIOLENCE

On April 24th, 300 community residents and I attended a community meeting at the Alum Rock Youth Center to discuss the gang and youth violence that has raised enormous concern for the residents of San José.

I had the honor of welcoming the attendees and introducing city staff at the start of the meeting. I was moved by the number of community members (grandparents, parents and youth) who took time away from their families to attend. I was proud to have this meeting in my council district considering my constant advocacy for providing additional funding for intervention and prevention services aimed at curtailing the growing gang problems. The Mayor has begun to listen to some of the public safety concerns that I have brought forth on behalf of my constituents, but the fight is far from over. We need more funding for gang intervention and prevention services and for additional police officers.

Undeniably, the primary reason that 300 people attended this meeting is because the Foothill Police Division was hit the hardest with gang-related incidents in 2007: however, the trend of increasing gang violence has been seen citywide. Many of the residents came prepared with questions and solutions for the Mayor and the administration. I encourage residents to write to the Mayor expressing your thoughts or concerns as well as to urge him to respond to the 300 residents who came prepared with solutions and constructive feedback.

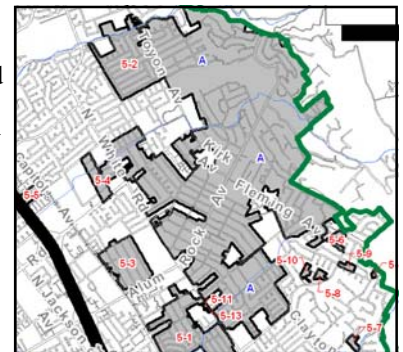
If you did not get the opportunity to participate, you can be heard by participating through the budget process. You can attend the public hearings to voice how the City should prioritize public safety by investing more funding in gang intervention and prevention services, along with many more police officers.



UPDATE ON COUNTY ISLAND ANNEXATIONS

The City is beginning the third and final phase of 5-year program to annex up to 58 unincorporated county “pockets” or “islands” in to the City. “Islands” are defined as areas within the City’s Urban Service Area boundary that are already surrounded or substantially surrounded by the City.

Phase 3 includes the potential annexation of 14 islands over a three-year period. Unlike the islands addressed in the first two phases, Phase 3 addresses larger, generally more populous islands encompassing a total of 1,100 acres and 15,900 residents. This phase will require significantly more community outreach and more advanced preparation on the part of the City departments.



A list of the county islands, as well as descriptions and links to maps, can be found at the program website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/annex/maps.asp>.

PLATA ARROYO SKATE PARK RE-DEDICATION RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On April 5, 250 community members and skateboarders joined me at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly-expanded Plata Arroyo Skate Park. The first skate park in East San José, which opened in June 2005, now includes stair ramps, additional skating surface and a fence, in addition to the bowls, ramps and curves that were already popular. A top priority for the Gateway East Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Neighborhood Action Committee (NAC), the Plata Arroyo Skate Park was designed with the input from local skateboarders.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony also marked the launch of the 'Lids for Kids' campaign emphasizing the importance of helmet safety. The Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley provided skateboarders with free protective helmets. The ceremony was concluded with a demonstration by the Plata Arroyo Skate Team. Congratulations to the Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and the Gateway East NAC on the completion of this wonderful project!

GROWING GREEN, PLANTING GREEN: HOW YOU CAN HELP SAN JOSE BE GREEN!!!!

Please join me in implementing an aspect of the City's Green Vision by planting trees throughout District Five neighborhoods, parks and schools. This year, about 90 trees have been planted in District 5 in partnership with Our City Forest, a non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating a greener, sustainable city. Free trees are available from this organization.

For more information, please visit www.ourcityforest.org or call (408) 99-TREES.



GREAT AMERICAN LITTER PICK-UP, A SUCCESS!

As Chair of the Silicon Valley Anti-Litter Campaign, I am very proud of the residents of San José for their continued support of the Great American Litter Pick Up. As an elected official, I understand the importance of keeping San José a safe and clean city! This year, residents and volunteers in District 5 met at Plata Arroyo Park for the event and the volunteers went to different areas of the district to pick up litter. This was a successful citywide event that attracted nearly 1,000 volunteers and filled more than 400 garbage bags.

Help reduce litter and graffiti in our city by volunteering! In 2007, the City of San José had an increase in graffiti by 2,000% (yes 2,000%)! We need your help. Become a volunteer by signing up for the anti-graffiti or anti-litter pick up. The City will provide you with FREE cleaning supplies and work around your schedule.

For more information, please contact the Anti-Graffiti/Anti-Litter program at (408) 277-3208.

To report GRAFFITI, please call the Graffiti Hotline at (408) 277-2758.



CONGRATULATIONS L.U.C.H.A.

L.U.C.H.A. (Learning in an Urban Community with High Achievement), an Alum Rock elementary school, was honored as one of five 2008 Glenn W.

Hoffmann Exemplary Program Award recipients.

L.U.C.H.A.'s staff, in partnership with their parent community, has created an intimate, caring, and safe environment that instills high expectations in all stakeholders, supports student learning, and increases student achievement. The school utilizes unique instructional approaches, a small school size, and school site decision-making, as key components. L.U.C.H.A. was honored on April 23 at the Santa Clara County School Board Association spring dinner.





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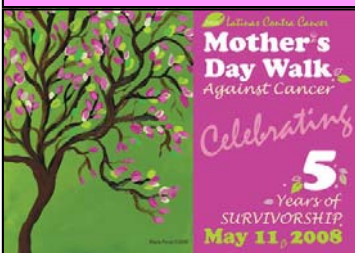
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Latinas Contra Cancer Invites you to the
2008 Mother's Day Walk Against Cancer

Location: San Jose City Hall, 200 East
Santa Clara Street, San José
Date: Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 9:00 AM



Neighborhood Associations & Groups

Association/Group	Meeting Location	Time	Date
Alum Rock Neighborhood	Joseph George Middle School	7:00 pm	Last Thurs.
Arbuckle /Poco Way NA	Arbuckle Elementary School	6:00 pm	3rd Tues.
CA Fairways HOA	Rancho del Pueblo	6:00 pm	1st. Thurs.
Capitol Goss/ Dobern NA	Capitol Park Neighborhood Center	6:30 pm	2nd Tues.
Cassell NA	Hank Lopez Community Center	6:00 pm	3rd. Weds.
EAST VALLEY/680 NAC	Emma Prusch Park	7:00 pm	3rd Thurs.
ESJNA (formerly Dorsa NA)	Dorsa Community Center	6:00 pm	2nd Weds.
GATEWAY EAST NAC	Pal Stadium (inside the TAB office)	6:30 pm	Last Thurs.
Lyndale NA	Lyndale Elementary School	6:30 pm	3rd Weds.
Los Sueños HOA	Rancho del Pueblo	6:30 pm	Last Thurs.
MAYFAIR NAC	Mexican Heritage Plaza	6:00 pm	Last Thurs.
Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood	3411 Rocky Mountain Drive	6:30 pm	1st Weds.
Plata Arroyo NA	Mexican Heritage Plaza	6:30 pm	3rd Weds.
Park Pleasant NA	Mt. Pleasant Elementary School	7:00 pm	3rd Thurs.
San Antonio Unidos NA	Mexican Heritage Plaza	6:00 pm	3rd Mon.
Sierra NA	Alum Rock Youth Center	6:30 pm	3rd Weds.

2008-2009 CITY OF SAN JOSÉ OPERATING BUDGET STUDY SESSIONS

City and Redevelopment Agency 2008 – 2009 Operating Budget Study Sessions		
May 7, 2008	Overview	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
CSA Business Plans, Core Service Changes, and Performance Measures		
May 7, 2008	Community & Economic Development (including Redevelopment Agency)	10:00 a.m. – Noon
May 8, 2008	Community & Economic Development (including Redevelopment Agency)	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	Environmental & Utility Services	10:00 a.m. – Noon
May 9, 2008	Neighborhood Services	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Public Safety	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
May 12, 2008	Transportation & Aviation Services	1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
	Strategic Support (Including Council Appointees)	2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
	City Auditor Recommendations	4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
	Fees and Charges	4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



San Jose Convention Center and Cultural Facilities Event Calendar

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DATES	EVENT NAME	THEATER	SHOW-TIMES
MAY			
May 1 - 4	Children's Music Theatre of San Jose presents "Disney's Mulan Jr."	Montgomery Theater	12pm, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 7pm, 8pm
May 1 - 4	Ballet San Jose presents "The Firebird & Mendelssohn Symphony"	Center for the Performing Arts	1:30pm & 8pm
May 8 - 11	Symphony Silicon Valley presents "Gershwin 1920's Radio Hour"	California Theatre	2:30pm, 7:30pm, 8pm
May 9 - 11	Spotlight Dance Cup	Civic Auditorium	TBD
May 9 - 18	Children's Music Theatre of San Jose presents "Into the Woods"	Montgomery Theater	1pm, 2pm, 6pm, 7pm
May 10, 2008	Chinese Opera Concert	California Theatre	2:30pm
May 13 - 25	American Musical Theatre of San Jose presents "Disney's Beauty and the Beast"	Center for the Performing Arts	1pm, 2pm, 6:30pm, 8pm
May 16 - 18	Dance Rave Competition	Civic Auditorium	TBD
May 24, 2008	India Waves Dance Muqabla	Montgomery Theater	5:30pm
May 25, 2008	Dancing Sun Foundation presents "Horizon"	Montgomery Theater	8pm
May 30, 2008	Unique Lives & Experiences presents "Judy Collins"	Center for the Performing Arts	7:30pm
May 31, 2008	Mekeni Tuki Ka: Kapampangan Pride U.S. Tour	Center for the Performing Arts	6pm
May 31, 2008	Irene Dalis Vocal Awards Competition	California Theatre	7pm
May 15 - 18	StarQuest International Performing Arts 2008 Regional Competition	California Theatre	TBD
JUNE			
June 1, 2008	San Jose Youth Symphony Philharmonic Orchestra Season Finale	California Theatre	6pm
June 4-8	The 2nd Biennial OISJ Global Festival of Art on the Edge	Multiple Venues	TBD
June 7-8	Symphony Silicon Valley presents Mendelssohn & Rachmanioff	California Theatre	2:30pm & 8pm
June 7, 2008	Voices in Harmony presents Now & Then	Center for the Performing Arts	7:30pm
June 10-15	American Musical Theatre of San Jose presents Disney's High School Musical	Center for the Performing Arts	1pm, 2pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm
June 21-29	Lyric Theatre presents "The Pirates of Penzance"	Montgomery Theater	2pm & 8pm
June 28, 2008	Movie Magic	Center for the Performing Arts	TBD
June 29, 2008	Nor Cal Dance Arts	California Theatre	6pm
June 29, 2008	Step up and Dance	Center for the Performing Arts	TBD

If you would like to include an event for future newsletters, please e-mail your requests to Javier.Gonzalez@sanjoseca.gov no later than the 20th of each month. Priority will be given to events occurring in Council District 5.